

1. The reply filed on 25 September 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The reply is not fully responsive to paragraphs 6 and 8 of the prior Office Action dated 29 October 2008. See 37 CFR 1.111. Specifically, Applicant has not presented arguments “specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references” as applied in the rejections in paragraphs 6 and 8 (emphasis added). In particular, the rejections of paragraphs 6 and 8 both address a slider body width of 0.7mm, which falls within applicant's newly presented slider body width range, i.e., “between 0.6mm and 1.0mm.” Failure to address why this slider body width is not obvious as set forth in those rejections is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Craig A. Renner whose telephone number is (571) 272-7580. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, A. L. Wellington can be reached on (571) 272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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